

# LWVC Issues

## **Current Priorities ( 2015-2017) MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK IN CALIFORNIA:**

### **Primary**

- Voter protection and mobilization
- Election reform
- Money in politics, constitutional amendment, and redistricting

### **Other**

- Climate, water, environment
- Minimum/living wage

## OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEAGUE IMPACT:

- Higher education: We expect to use our newly adopted position on Public Higher Education, for example to support or oppose legislation about funding of the state's higher education systems
- Equity issues in the distribution of school construction bond funds
- Housing: increasing the supply of low and moderate income housing
- Aspects of the criminal justice system, including felon disenfranchisement, privatization of prisons (for-profit prisons), and alternatives to incarceration
- Water: The LWVC will continue to act on issues such as water availability and quality, especially for low-income or disadvantaged users; environmental protection; and sustainable management of groundwater
- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): continuing to oppose proposals that limit the public's chance to weigh in on community land-use and environmental decisions; supporting proposals that streamline but do not weaken the CEQA process
- State and local finances (SLF): We have joined in community education and action on proposals to modify Proposition 13 but have not taken action in other areas where our SLF position gives insufficient guidance, such as revenue bonds, sales tax on services, or earmarking/long-term funding for programs established by initiatives. Should we do a limited update study?